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"The Birth of a Smile and the Birth of a Tear."

Once, years ago, so many thousand years ago that there is no need to give any estimate of the time, there lived on a sunny little island in some unknown sea a band of tiny moon-faced midgets. They were similar to what we term human beings today, except that they were very small and that they never were known to smile or cry. They were perfectly expressionless, their faces as smooth and impassive as the face of a clock. Therefore they were termed moon-faced, and as they were so tiny they were called midgets.

There was a little green grassed valley on the island with here and there a clump of large feathery trees which, in the golden sunlight, cast dancing, flickering shadows on the velvet sward beneath them. Flowers of all colors, sizes and descriptions always were growing in the valley. Big red poppies, purple pansies and violets, glowing roses, lilies, lilacs, the dainty anemone, the graceful blue bell, the sweet arbutus and every flower that we know today grew there in that valley. The valley lay between two large, soft-looking purple hills, where it seemed the sun never had shown so cool and stately, and aloof they appeared. It was in these hills that the moon-faced midgets we wish to speak of, lived. The valley in all its wonderful coloring its shades and sunlights, its sparkling brooks and tinkling waterfalls, was their play ground.

They lived in the most brilliant, the most charming spot that could appeal to anyone's imagination, and yet

never had one of the midgets ever wept a tear or smiled a smile. They were perfectly lawless as far as government was concerned. They had no king or queen or any sovereign and yet because they had no emotions there was perfect law in the island.

One day as they were frisking about in the open sunlight or under the shadowing trees a little midget who had for some reason been kept from joining his playmates 'til now, came running to them holding a little pink daisy which had been crushed, in his hands. The other midgets gathered round him in awe amazement. Never in all their happy history had one of their flowers been hurt or wounded. They questioned the little carrier and tried to find out how it had happened. But he had found it just as it was lying broken on its stem and knew nothing more about it. The midgets put their little moon faces together and tried to solve the problem but their thinking was in vain for it was beyond their power to find a meaning for such a strange coincidence.

Suddenly the face of the midget who had the daisy in his hands, began to grow pink, as though reflected from the flower, and his mouth began to twitch, his eyes to wink, his breast to heave and then as a convulsive shudder shook him, two large scorching drops of water rolled from his eyes. The sight of the crushed daisy was too much for his tender little heart. He had cried the first tear.

Then as the others saw the tears flow down his cheeks, one began to sob and then another until finally they were all weeping bitterly. After that day everything was changed, every one instead of being simply impassive and expressionless, now had swollen eyes and red noses and drooping mouths. It was a pathetic

sight indeed to see the quaint little figures running about in the bright valley with tear-dimmed eyes and flushed cheeks. For the queer part of it was they couldn't stop crying now that they had once been started.

This continued for many days, and one day as they were resting beside a little brook after a tedious frolic, the same small midget who had started the crying, standing up surveyed his group of companions and all at once without any warning he broke into rollicking laughter. His mouth curved upward instead of down, jolly little wrinkles appeared about his eyes, he doubled up like a jack-knife and laughed as though he would never cease.

Again the other midgets surrounded him and with their poor dim eyes stared at him in wonder. "Oh, oh," gasped the laughing midget, "How funny, how ridiculous you do look sitting there with your solemn round faces all red and swollen and with tears rolling down your cheeks! Don't cry any more. Come, be gay."

But the midgets continued to stare until one of them began to strangle and choke. Then a chuckle escaped him, then a giggle, then he looked up at the other midgets and grinned. That started the others. And what a gasping, struggling, squirming crowd it was until they all got to laughing. But they laughed, oh, how they laughed. Then one suggested that they wash off the tears and cool their burning cheeks. So pell mell they ran to the little brook and in the cold water smoothed away all traces of their former grief.

These strange little moon-faced midgets lived many years after this in the greatest peace and contentment until one by one they passed into the great unknown

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regions never to return and gave place to the great human race. All, I say, but there was one who still lived on and he is living today. The same midget, who by chance, started the tears and the smiles is still in existence, although his little moon-faced body is invisible to human eyes. We call him Emotion, and he is the one who governs each and every one of us. It is because of him that so many of us are like an April day.

Y. W. C. A.

To make any society a success the committees must work. The committees of the Y. W. C. A. have all adopted policies and are working faithfully. The meetings are well attended. The bible class is now studying the book of St. John. The girls are interested and are putting much time and study in the preparation of the lessons. A meeting was devoted to making New Year's resolutions to all girls and one which all the girls of the society took was that they would try not to speak a harmful word against anyone during the remainder of the school year.

Y. M. C. A.

Two bible study classes are being conducted this term, one in "The Life of Christ," according to St. Mark, and one in "The Acts of the Apostles."

Interest in the association work has not lagged and the devotional meetings have been regularly attended by the members and have proved to be helpful.

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The amount of school spirit a student body possesses is largely manifested in the quality of work in its literary societies. It is there that all of one's training is combined in literary work. The social training shows itself in the student's bearing, and his attitude toward others; physical training or lack of it, will be evident in one's manner of walking, and general poise; also our school work will be shown in our literary work. Since so much depends on our literary work and work in literary lines is a gage, largely, of the quality of our school work, it is important that we put more emphasis on society work. There is much room for improvement. Every member should be more regular and punctual at all meetings of our clubs, and seek to raise our standard of literary work.

The manager of the basket ball team has been fortunate in securing games for the second basket ball team. The last several years, the second team secured only a few games during the season and gained little experience unless they were fortunate enough to sub on the regular varsity five. Under the new system the school has practically two seasoned basket ball teams and graduation will not seriously affect as in the past.

The entrance of a college seems to mean the enjoyment of different opportunities by different individuals. To some it seems a matter of indifference; simply doing their duties because they are suggested. Others look upon it as a season of recreation with unlimited opportunities for enjoyment. Some as a thing of little importance and only considered as an episode in their lives, while the true college worker comes to secure the real advantages of "Christianity and Culture." The latter are the ones who respond to the college claims and make college life mean what it should. The other classes are an irritant and burden to be borne by the others and should be excluded with the physically and mentally weak, the incorrigibles and moral degenerates.

The ideal and practical side of college has many valuable meanings to the true student. It is four years of untold advantages in preparing to meet the world or it is a time of physical and mental dissipation and of listlessness. These are the two alternatives which every young man or woman has to meet when they register at a college.

Athletics.

Three times the local team traveled to the metropolis in the forlorn hope of wresting a victory from their enemies and three times they returned home sadder and wiser men. Not content with seeing the first team get theirs the coach took down the second team on January 10, only to add four more victories to the slaughter. Of course we have plenty of excuses to offer and plenty of reasons why we did not bring home a victory, but for various reasons we will keep them to ourselves for the time being.

P. C. VS. Y. M. C. A.

On Saturday night, January 18, the first two games of 1908 were played on the home floor resulting in a victory and a defeat for both sides. The second team more than evened up old scores with the second team from the association by making them dance to the tune of 37-16. At the end of the first half it was anybody's game with the score standing 15-13 in favor of P. C., but during the remainder of the contest the visitors had to satisfy themselves with but 3 points while the locals added 22 to their list. Final score 37-16.

The first half of the game between the first teams was even more exciting than the same half of the preceding game. Portland led off with the first basket but it wasn't long till Newberg followed suit. Then they took turns up to the close of the half when the score stood 14-14. In the second half weight and experience began to tell. Portland took the lead at the start and when the whistle blew at the close of the game they had the big end of the 40-20 score.

P. C.

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Hammer	F	Gordon
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R. Mills capt	G	Gordon
Lewis	G	Gates
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Locals.

Riley Kaufman has charge of the new city Y. M. C. A. rooms.

Perry Macy '07, visited college January 8. Mr. Macy has resigned his position as secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Pocatello, Idaho.

Gladys Hannon is acting as matron of the dormitory while her mother is recovering from the effects of a sprained ankle.

Jay Mitchell, a former student, spent vacation with his mother. Jay is attending school at O. A. C. this year.

Under the direction of the athletic association, the Meneley Chautauqua Course gave three numbers this month, the Robley Male Quartet, a lecture by Count Sobieski and the Meneley Quartet.

Early this term Prof. Harvey Crumly chose the present political situation as the theme for his chapel talk. He predicted Wm. Jennings Bryan would be the next democratic nominee and Taft for the republicans. He summed up the possible issues but would not make predictions as to the outcome.

The several cases of "Jones' measles" in school are still manifest, although there has been no fatalities.

Elwood Minchin, a former student of the college, visited school January 13th and gave his oration, Wen-

dell Philips, which won first place in the inter-collegiate contest of California.

January 16th Rev. Walters of the Free Methodist church conducted chapel exercises.

Mrs. R. W. Kirk and Mrs. Burris, an alumnus, visited chapel January 17.

Mr. Arms, an evangelist, was present at chapel January 17th and gave a very interesting and helpful talk.

At the Heli Anthus club on Thursday evening was held the tryout for the debating club. Alice Hayes, Leola Glass, Lillian Johnson and Erma Heacock will represent the Heli Anthus in the final tryout Monday evening, January 27, at which time will be chosen the debate team to represent the college in the inter-collegiate debate.

Arthur Wilson has developed a remarkable taste for music and especially enjoys playing the dormitory piano on Sunday afternoons.

R. W. Cahill, ex '07, is registered at the Portland Medical College.

The basket ball team has secured new uniforms and they present a very neat appearance on the floor. The suits are old gold with a large blue stripe on the jerseys.

Riley Kaufman has resigned his position as business manager of the Crescent. Claude Lewis has been elected to fill the vacancy with Roy Mills as assistant.

President Irving Kelsey is expected to return early in the term and resume his college duties. This will somewhat relieve the other members of the faculty, all of whom are carrying more than the usual amount of work.

A. D. Kenworthy, ex '10, was down from Salem renewing old college acquaintances. He is now running a restaurant in Salem.

During Christmas vacation the boys rooms in the dormitory were repapered and the floors painted. The painting was done by the boys themselves.

Leonard George in English—"He described death in a lively manner."

Harvey White is staying at the dormitory this term.

The boys debate tryout occurred January 17. Harry Maxfield, Arthur Wilson, Riley Kaufman and Roy Fitch were the successful debaters. The question, "Resolved that on the whole strikes have been beneficial," is the one chosen by the college debating league.

The officers of the Agoreton club for this term are: Arthur Wilson, president; Albert Pearson, vice president; Claude Newlin, secretary; Chris Smith, marshal.

The Newberg band has very kindly given their services during basket ball games.

The students are glad to welcome Ellis Pickett and Harry White in college this term. The latter was a student here two years ago.

The preparatory department have adopted names for their literary societies. Clifford Spaulding is president of the Euphemian society and Victor Rees is president of the Philomatheans society.

Ralph Rees an alumnus of P. C., visited college January 20. In visiting scripture class Rees answered seven, showing he has not outgrown some of the habits acquired during his student days.

To avoid the constant commotion in chapel and to keep count of the absences from chapel, it has been found necessary to have the Preps register. A big book is kept on the monitor's desk and the Prep now registers his goings and comings.

R. L. says that he has found out how ladies hats are made, and that any woman can save large millinery bills by making her own hats. The milliner takes a wash basin, inverts it, and then throws on forty yards of bronze velvet, enough feathers to stuff four bed ticks, and four bolts of pink satin. She then places it over a bed post, and producing a broom, beats it till it presents that droopy appearance common to hats.

Exchanges.

On our table are quite a number of very interesting publications. Many have new and attractive cover designs each month, thus adding greatly to their general appearance. Some have inserted cuts from subjects interesting to school life generally, which adds a feature of inestimable value.

The Tahoma, of Tacoma, Washington, is especially to be commended for cover designs. Its contents also are always up to date, and afford excellent entertainment for the reader.

We are pleased with the improvement found in the Chemawa American, that of attaching the cover to the leaves. It adds greatly to convenience in handling.

The Record of Sioux City, Iowa, has some very good reading matter well arranged.

We would like to see more publications with the

address either on the front cover or near the front. It is sometimes necessary to look up ads. in the back for the address.

Wyoming Student has placed the editorial page the very last. It would likely appear better nearer the front.

Bookkeeping may be taught in three letters, "Nev-lend them."—Ex.

Bruthur—How many doughnuts did you eat, Caesar?

Caesar—Et tu, bruthur.—Ex.

"Miss Perchis," said Mr. Timid at the other end of the sofa, "If I were to throw a kiss what would you say?"

"Well, I'd say you were the laziest man I ever saw."—Ex.

Prof.--"What were you doing, learning something?"

Junior—"No sir, I was listening to you."—Ex.

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